

# North County Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)







# PURPOSE OF MSCP

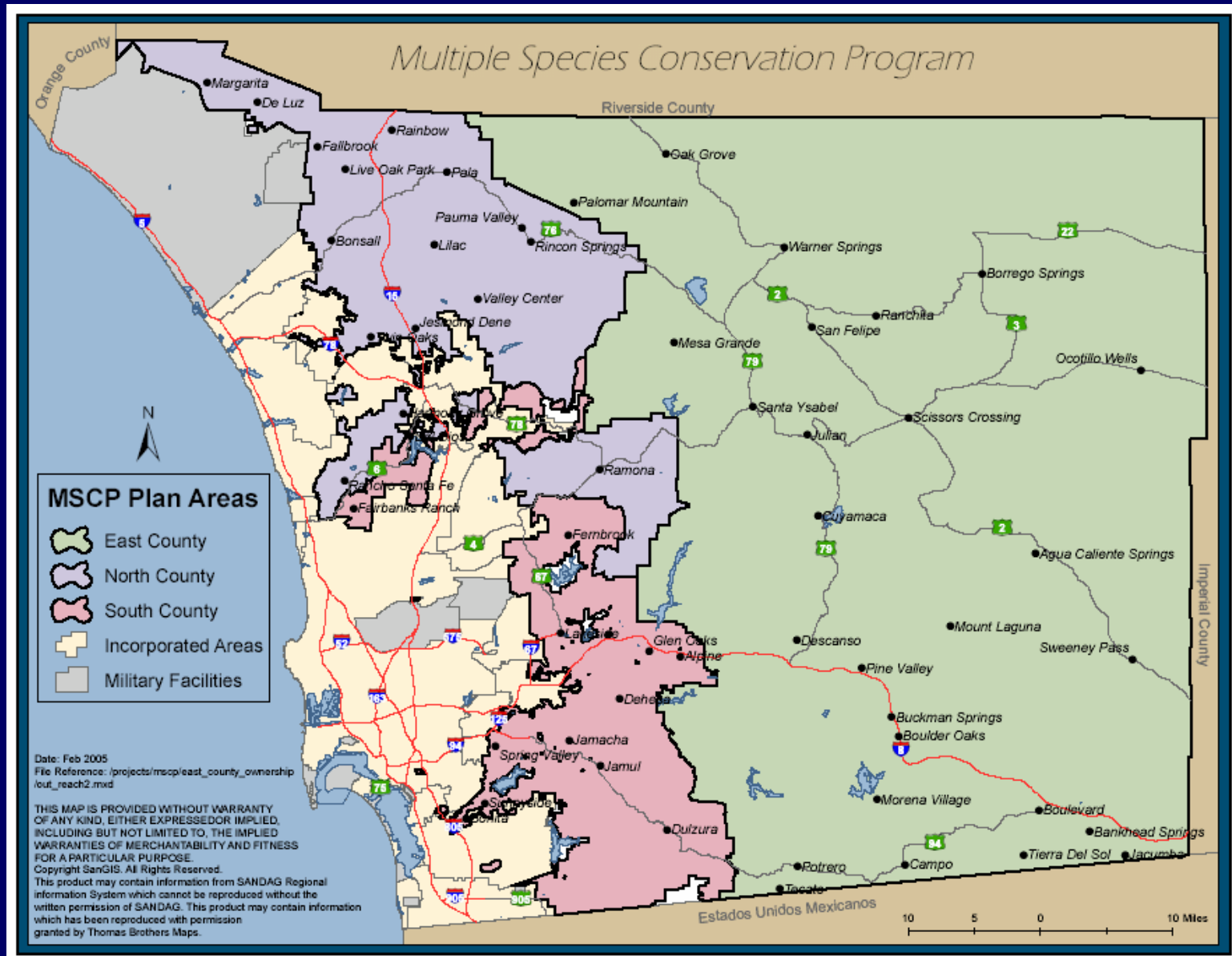


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The MSCP  
streamlines existing regulations while  
conserving lands and  
providing future certainty



# Study Area



# Planning Goals for Agriculture

- Protection from ESA for existing operations
- Help maintain agricultural production
- Reduce regulatory burdens and complexity for agriculture
- Maintain crop flexibility
- Recognize habitat values of certain agricultural lands without penalty



# Working Draft Version 7



# Existing Agriculture

## Impacts to Listed Species

### Current

- Impacts to listed species require a permit from the Wildlife Agencies
- Changing crop types may require new permit



### Proposed MSCP

- Impacts for existing operations covered through County's permit
- Changing crop types automatically covered for most species
- Some animals would require additional BMP's



# Expansion of Agriculture

## Impacts to Natural Land

### Current

- Environmental analysis generally required
- Mitigation generally required
- Some exemptions may apply

### Proposed MSCP

- Environmental analysis streamlined
- Mitigation standards assured
- Mitigation exemptions for some impacts outside PAMA and minor clearing



# Development of Agriculture

## Impacts to agricultural lands

### Current

- Environmental analysis generally required
- Impacts to sensitive species require mitigation (negotiated)

### Proposed MSCP

- Environmental analysis streamlined
- Impacts to sensitive species require mitigation (guidelines and pre-set requirements)





# Next Steps

- Public Notice on Draft Plan...Summer '07
- Revisions to Plan.....Summer '07
- Draft Environmental Analysis.....Fall '08
- Finalize Plan & Analysis.....Summer '08

\* Public input throughout process



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